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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):  
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Enclosed are also:

32 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
 07 Pages of Claims  
 06 Sheet(s) of Drawings  
  
  
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
 Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation  
 IDS and IDS List PTO 1449 - References (4)

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

FOR	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee (\$710)
Total Claims	<u>39</u>	-20 = <u>19</u>	X \$ 18	= \$ <u>342</u>
Independent Claims	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> = <u>0</u>	X \$ 80	= \$0
Multiple Dependent Claims	<u>0</u>		X \$270	=

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